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RESEARCH PROGRAM AND PLAN

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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

All major operating parameters and range of variables have been determined. System conceptual design has been completed at the logic block diagram level for both hardware and software. Detail design has been completed for underwater housings, mooring system, acoustic command/communication subsystems, battery packs, frequency synthesizer, programmer, timer and some of the transducers. Candidate source transducers have been prototyped and are undergoing performance tests. A microprocessor system and digital data recorder have been selected for incorporation in the prototype system. Procurement of components for the prototype system is proceeding as rapidly as the design decisions will allow.

FUTURE PLANS

Complete detail design - 2nd, quarter FY 80.

Fabricate, test and debug prototype system - 2nd and 3rd quarter FY 80.

Sea tests of prototype system in San Diego Trough 900-1200 meters water depth - June-July 1980.

Analyze data, evaluate performance, document hardware and preparation of report - 4th quarter FY 80 and 1st quarter FY 81.

Fabricate buoy set - 4th quarter FY 80.

Fabricate buoy set 2, 3 and 4 - FY 81.

Four deployments for data collection one each quarter FY 81 - Report.

Fabricate buoy sets 5 and 6 - 1st and 2nd quarter FY 82.

Six to seven deployments for data collection in FY 82 - Report.

FISCAL STATUS

(1) Amount currently provided in contract

\$204,300

(2) Expenditures and commitments to date

\$ 19,700

(3) Estimated funds required to complete the work

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(4) Estimated date of completion of work

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